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CRIME TRENDS IN 2003

BC's overall crime rate increased by 6% in 2003, the first substantial rise in over a decade (BC's crime rate rose incrementally in 2001 and 2002). Notably, crime rates in other Canadian provinces also climbed in 2003.

Increases in counterfeit currency crimes, thefts, of and from motor vehicles, and disturb the peace offences contributed significantly to the overall rise in BC's crime rate.

The crime rate is the number of *Criminal Code* offences or crimes reported for every 1,000 persons. It is a better measure of trends in crime than the actual number of offences because it allows for population growth.

Figure 1: Criminal Code Offences & Crime Rate in BC, 1994 - 2003.

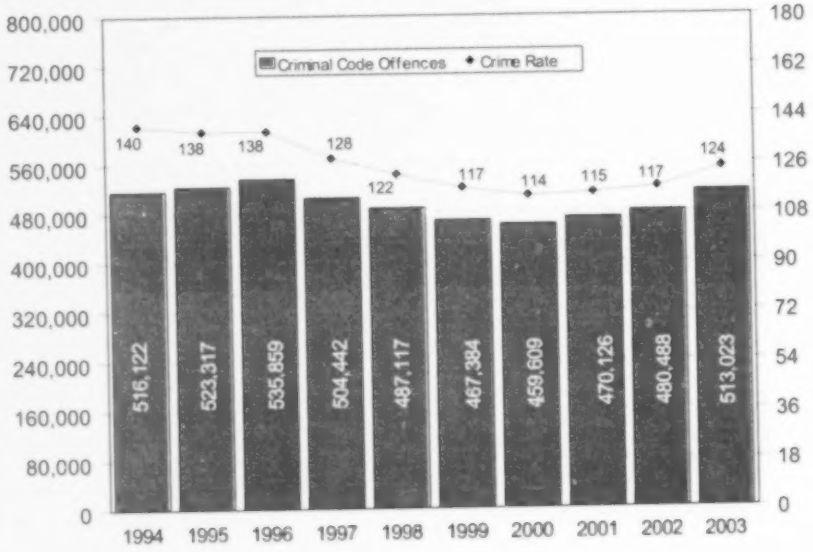
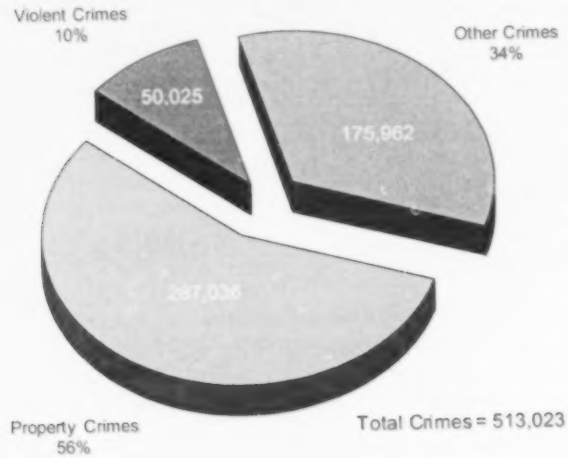


Figure 2: Crime in British Columbia, 2003.



In 2003, the crime rate for the province was 124 offences per 1,000 persons. This represents a 6% increase from the 2002 rate of 117 offences per 1,000 persons, and an 8% increase from the 2001 rate of 115.

Figure 1 shows yearly trends in crime rate and number of *Criminal Code* offences reported to police.

Criminal Code offences are divided into three major categories: crimes against persons (violent crimes), crimes against property and other crimes.

As shown in Figure 2, in 2003, violent crimes represented 10% of all *Criminal Code* offences reported to police, property crimes represented 56% and other crimes represented 34%. These proportions have remained relatively stable over the past decade.

In 2003, there were 513,023 *Criminal Code* offences reported in BC, 32,535 or 7% more than in 2002 and 9% or 42,897 more than in 2001.

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Violent crimes include homicide, attempted murder, sexual offences, assault, robbery and abduction. In 2003 there were 50,025 violent offences reported in BC. This represents an increase of less than 1% from the 49,988 offences reported in 2002. The 2003 violent crime rate fell less than 1% from the 2002 rate, decreasing from 12.15 to 12.06 offences per 1,000 persons.

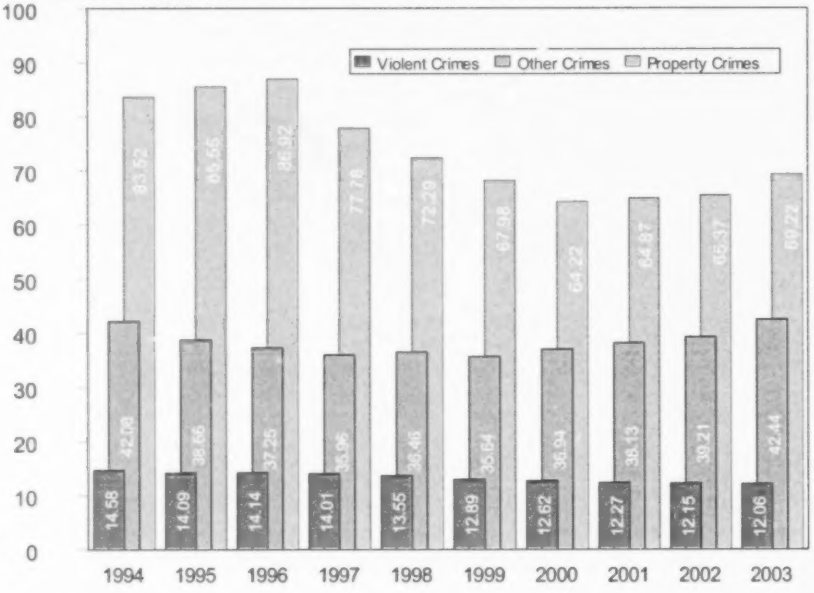
From 2000 to 2003, the number of violent crimes reported remained stable at approximately 50,000 offences annually. During this same period, the violent crime rate also remained stable at an average of 12 violent crimes per 1,000 persons.

Property offences include motor vehicle theft, break and enter, fraud, theft and possession of stolen property. In 2003, police reported 287,036 property offences, an increase of 7% compared with the 269,147 offences reported in 2002. The property crime rate rose 6% from the 2002 rate, increasing from 65.4 offences per 1,000 persons to 69.2 per 1,000 persons.

From 2000 to 2003, the number of property crimes reported increased by 11%, and the property crime rate increased by 8%.

The other crimes category is comprised of those *Criminal Code* offences which do not fall under the violent or property offence classifications. Other crimes include counterfeit currency, prostitution, gaming and betting, offensive weapons, disturb the peace, vandalism, criminal harassment, as well as miscellaneous other *Criminal Code* offences.

Figure 3: BC Crime Rate by Category, 1994 - 2003.



The number of other crimes rose by 9% in 2003, increasing from 161,353 offences reported during 2002 to 175,962 reported during 2003. The rate of other crimes also reflected an increase, rising 8% from 39.2 other crimes per 1,000 persons in 2002 to 42.4 crimes per 1,000 persons in 2003.

During the last four years the number of other crimes increased by 18% while the other crime rate increased by 15%.
The ten-year trends in crime rates for the three categories of *Criminal Code* offences are shown in Figure 3.

There may be some variance in the data and statistics discussed in this report in comparison with previous Police Services' publications. Where this occurs, the latest report will reflect the most current data.

Additional information on police and crime statistics can be obtained from Police Services Division by either contacting our Vancouver Office at Suite 405 - 815 Hornby Street, Vancouver BC V6Z 2E6, Telephone: (604) 660-2604 or Facsimile: (604) 660-2606 or through our Internet site.

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	2000	2001	2002	2003	2000	2001	2002	2003	2000	2001	2002	2003
Abbotsford Mun[1]	10,791	13,437	14,337	15,271	118,253	120,759	124,886	127,712	91	111	115	120
Agassiz Prov	1,061	1,190	1,216	1,330	8,496	8,355	8,447	8,594	125	142	144	155
Alert Bay Prov	353	268	297	200	1,582	1,561	1,559	1,599	223	172	191	125
Alexis Creek Prov	293	287	249	300	2,466	1,971	1,962	1,957	119	146	127	153
Anahim Lake Prov	304	326	315	428	975	1,073	1,068	1,066	312	304	295	402
Armstrong Prov	381	389	447	440	4,552	4,824	4,953	5,028	84	81	90	88
Ashcroft Prov	540	530	472	482	4,213	4,040	4,037	4,048	128	131	117	119
Atlin Prov	91	117	108	67	581	604	582	596	157	194	186	112
Barriere Prov	225	224	227	221	3,588	3,985	4,000	4,029	63	56	57	55
Bella Bella Prov	563	648	1,011	979	1,684	1,507	1,502	1,471	334	430	673	666
Bella Coola Prov	264	348	342	384	2,460	2,435	2,428	2,378	107	143	141	161
Boston Bar Prov	140	133	135	171	1,122	853	855	864	125	156	158	198
Bowen Island Prov	93	145	155	130	3,034	3,102	3,163	3,260	31	47	49	40
Burnaby Mun	23,067	23,820	23,109	25,292	198,584	202,421	203,665	205,261	116	118	113	123
Burns Lake Prov	1,144	1,122	1,306	1,186	6,428	7,067	7,101	7,116	178	159	184	167
Campbell River Mun	5,256	4,512	4,910	5,536	29,759	29,699	29,513	29,617	177	152	163	187
Campbell River Prov	521	487	495	563	5,540	5,276	5,276	5,116	94	92	94	110
Castlegar Mun	1,022	973	971	1,036	7,299	7,306	7,262	7,168	140	133	134	145
Castlegar Prov	295	271	277	272	5,888	6,768	6,793	6,803	50	40	41	40
Central Saanich Mun	850	784	755	737	15,824	16,018	16,061	16,091	54	49	47	46
Chase Prov	789	809	908	886	8,424	8,773	8,769	8,774	94	92	104	101
Chetwynd Prov	702	775	763	824	6,019	5,678	5,652	5,549	117	136	135	148
Chilliwack Mun[1]	8,038	9,314	10,930	12,765	67,184	67,728	68,008	68,699	120	138	161	186
Chilliwack Prov	632	462	566	745	3,575	4,668	4,679	4,726	177	99	121	158
Clearwater Prov	496	448	461	428	5,506	5,439	5,459	5,499	90	82	84	78
Clinton Prov	261	273	278	228	2,508	2,222	2,224	2,244	104	123	125	102
Coldstream Mun	386	371	370	476	9,478	9,504	9,567	9,685	41	39	39	49
Columbia Valley Prov	903	994	1,058	1,075	9,151	9,156	9,227	9,479	99	109	115	113
Colwood Mun	1,118	983	1,095	1,182	14,375	14,344	14,429	14,437	78	69	76	82
Comox Mun	778	803	1,008	845	11,660	11,660	11,761	11,937	67	69	86	71
Comox Valley Prov	1,900	1,983	1,911	2,098	26,984	26,964	26,946	26,244	70	74	71	80
Coquitlam Mun[1]	11,643	11,532	12,096	13,766	115,301	117,832	121,357	122,712	101	98	100	112
Coquitlam Prov	114	94	128	122	1,936	2,130	2,165	2,227	59	44	59	55
Courtenay Mun	3,783	3,867	4,500	4,887	18,999	19,103	19,236	20,340	199	202	234	240
Cranbrook Mun	2,379	2,403	2,373	2,981	19,196	19,280	19,474	19,327	124	125	122	154
Cranbrook Prov	296	310	268	347	6,482	6,564	6,592	6,728	46	47	41	52
Creston Prov	1,332	1,274	1,193	1,398	13,474	13,611	13,606	13,614	99	94	88	103
Dawson Creek Mun	2,359	2,231	2,138	2,012	11,222	11,224	11,115	11,024	210	199	192	183
Dawson Creek Prov	300	272	254	281	7,738	7,682	7,691	7,737	39	35	33	36
Dease Lake Prov	244	281	407	359	1,441	1,393	1,362	1,385	169	202	299	259
Delta Mun[1]	7,260	7,560	6,553	7,178	101,393	101,182	100,906	100,576	72	75	65	71
Ditidaht FNAPS	8	43	35	38	162	192	192	194	49	224	182	196
Duncan Prov	2,422	2,307	2,379	2,538	13,162	13,217	13,146	13,215	184	175	181	192
Elk Valley Prov	1,404	1,509	1,485	1,405	15,703	14,546	14,605	14,596	89	104	102	96
Enderby Prov	755	709	658	770	7,591	6,964	7,035	7,034	99	102	94	109
Falkland Prov	133	171	184	208	2,757	3,221	3,239	3,245	48	53	57	64
Fort Nelson Prov	965	993	1,142	1,159	6,102	5,991	5,992	6,066	158	166	191	191
Fort St. James Prov	926	1,112	1,160	1,211	5,150	4,828	4,799	4,781	180	230	242	253
Fort St. John Mun	3,163	3,604	4,000	4,198	16,486	16,734	16,827	16,730	192	215	238	251
Fort St. John Prov	652	640	696	753	11,870	12,291	12,360	12,478	55	52	56	60
Fraser Lake Prov	248	391	371	249	3,710	3,523	3,511	3,467	67	111	106	72
Gabriola Island Prov	210	207	167	154	3,855	3,680	3,730	3,789	54	56	45	41
Golden Prov	861	906	867	947	7,554	7,467	7,566	7,573	114	121	115	125
Grand Forks Prov	809	645	729	647	8,838	9,133	9,058	9,026	92	71	80	72
Granisle Prov	186	187	121	111	584	547	543	528	318	342	223	210
Hope Mun	1,035	1,281	1,401	1,653	6,491	6,455	6,435	6,431	159	198	218	257
Hope Prov	139	236	242	259	832	1,296	1,299	1,312	167	182	186	197
Houston Prov	403	386	343	384	5,648	4,770	4,632	4,588	71	81	74	84
Hudsons Hope Prov	98	102	100	114	1,266	1,514	1,496	1,508	77	67	67	76
Kamloops Mun	11,159	11,101	12,494	14,174	80,431	80,655	80,749	80,416	139	138	155	176
Kaslo Prov	131	216	117	180	2,706	2,222	2,201	2,205	48	97	53	82
Kelowna Mun	12,233	12,279	12,484	14,603	99,276	100,496	101,708	103,421	123	122	123	141
Kelowna Prov	2,981	3,023	3,256	3,625	41,495	43,309	43,903	44,616	72	70	74	81
Keremeos Prov	445	358	369	330	4,272	4,483	4,557	4,520	104	80	81	73
Kimberley Mun	707	681	523	645	6,767	6,766	6,736	6,710	104	101	78	96
Kimberley Prov	113	146	145	131	2,116	2,432	2,442	2,493	53	60	59	53

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Kitasoo-Xai'xais FNAPS	21	106	68	82	308	310	308	310	68	342	221	265
Kitimat Mun	901	741	690	814	10,881	10,733	10,578	10,432	83	69	65	78
Kitimat Prov	70	63	63	62	706	546	544	546	99	115	116	114
Ladysmith Mun	611	621	651	660	6,821	6,874	6,914	6,972	90	90	94	95
Ladysmith Prov	380	449	440	451	5,738	5,763	5,774	5,819	66	78	76	78
Lake Country Mun	631	531	640	657	9,488	9,672	9,687	9,785	67	55	66	67
Lake Cowichan Prov	914	885	814	763	5,998	5,999	5,993	6,037	152	148	136	126
Langford Mun	2,402	2,375	2,424	2,458	19,450	19,661	19,980	20,292	123	121	121	121
Langley City Mun	3,884	4,471	4,926	5,187	24,413	24,673	24,517	24,577	159	181	201	211
Langley Township Mun[1]	8,075	9,225	10,565	11,569	90,535	91,215	91,160	91,893	89	101	116	126
Lillooet Prov	505	518	522	569	3,977	3,777	3,716	3,671	127	137	140	155
Lisims-Nass Valley Prov	424	443	456	496	1,825	1,819	1,812	1,822	232	244	252	272
Logan Lake Prov	209	231	179	243	2,723	2,803	2,798	2,816	77	82	64	86
Lumby Prov	458	475	608	452	5,465	4,951	4,995	4,964	84	96	122	91
Lytton Prov	446	370	330	253	1,960	2,145	2,163	2,175	228	172	153	116
Mackenzie Mun	662	425	461	519	5,660	5,433	5,406	5,316	117	78	85	98
Mackenzie Prov	54	61	58	88	289	233	233	232	187	262	249	379
Maple Ridge Mun[1]	7,561	8,681	9,303	8,998	64,331	66,163	69,066	71,640	118	131	135	126
Masset Prov	625	565	655	649	2,752	2,402	2,373	2,361	227	235	276	275
McBride Prov	93	124	176	140	2,102	2,202	2,191	2,165	44	56	80	65
Merritt Mun	1,384	1,524	1,666	1,355	7,520	7,396	7,366	7,318	184	206	226	185
Merritt Prov	293	335	408	294	3,798	3,635	3,649	3,675	77	92	112	80
Midway Prov	197	195	149	204	3,363	3,422	3,406	3,375	59	57	44	60
Mission Mun	4,361	4,773	5,663	5,794	32,403	32,638	32,688	32,894	135	146	173	176
Mission Prov	512	649	705	597	5,438	4,972	4,984	5,033	94	131	141	119
Nakusp Prov	387	326	304	292	3,864	3,904	3,913	3,909	100	84	78	75
Nanaimo Mun[1]	10,801	11,047	12,128	13,085	75,538	76,432	76,596	76,991	143	145	158	170
Nanaimo Prov	697	690	833	925	12,476	12,970	13,146	13,355	56	53	63	69
Nelson City Mun	1,189	1,300	1,581	1,561	9,555	9,703	9,585	9,630	124	134	165	162
Nelson Prov	408	424	550	523	11,767	11,116	11,159	11,179	35	38	49	47
New Hazelton Prov	1,012	943	1,020	1,283	6,571	6,360	6,343	6,332	154	148	161	203
New Westminster Mun	8,120	8,913	8,558	9,174	57,156	57,045	57,529	59,426	142	156	149	154
Nootka Sound Prov	350	332	241	332	2,968	2,488	2,384	2,330	118	133	101	142
North Cowichan Mun	2,339	2,429	2,580	2,761	27,144	27,290	27,361	27,368	86	89	94	101
North Saanich Mun	423	469	485	458	10,838	10,890	10,896	10,923	39	43	45	42
North Vancouver City Mun[1]	5,360	5,082	5,090	5,241	45,810	46,590	48,020	48,493	117	109	106	108
North Vancouver District Mun[1]	5,642	5,184	5,284	5,626	85,949	87,215	86,972	87,160	66	59	61	65
North Vancouver Prov[2]	312	244	266	258	36	5	5	5	—	—	—	—
Oak Bay Mun	948	923	913	1,331	18,488	18,572	18,428	18,207	51	50	50	73
Oceanside Prov	1,394	1,312	1,262	1,675	21,265	21,865	22,155	22,502	66	60	57	74
Oliver Prov	826	959	873	1,051	9,115	9,978	10,034	9,876	91	96	87	106
One Hundred Mile House Prov	940	1,111	1,020	1,168	14,148	13,519	13,459	13,414	66	82	76	87
Osoyoos Prov	598	592	778	774	6,702	6,025	6,035	6,093	89	98	129	127
Outer Gulf Islands Prov	236	239	225	217	3,367	4,381	4,425	4,456	70	55	51	49
Parksville Mun	1,429	1,273	1,320	1,480	10,592	10,773	10,803	10,932	135	118	122	135
Pemberton Prov	341	370	391	352	3,436	3,273	3,461	3,620	99	113	113	97
Penticton Mun	4,023	4,638	4,969	6,058	32,318	32,339	32,399	32,519	124	143	153	186
Penticton Prov	589	532	563	778	10,520	11,050	11,147	10,931	56	48	51	71
Pitt Meadows Mun	1,515	1,430	1,365	1,477	15,018	15,311	15,887	16,148	101	93	86	91
Port Alberni Mun	3,716	3,446	3,095	3,392	18,530	18,515	18,350	18,235	201	186	169	186
Port Alberni Prov	574	571	553	592	9,091	8,385	8,371	8,315	63	68	66	71
Port Alice Prov	74	81	100	98	1,257	1,216	1,204	1,152	59	67	83	85
Port Coquitlam Mun[1]	4,988	5,281	5,605	6,389	52,365	53,502	55,788	57,313	95	99	100	111
Port Hardy Prov	899	970	881	991	6,279	6,162	6,049	5,956	143	157	146	166
Port McNeill Prov	403	462	417	491	5,359	5,105	4,999	5,020	75	90	83	98
Port Moody Mun[6]	1,811	1,616	1,652	1,818	24,292	24,854	25,674	26,690	75	65	64	68
Powell River Mun	1,700	1,743	1,868	1,932	13,558	13,550	13,480	13,407	125	129	139	144
Powell River Prov	507	560	605	533	5,464	5,559	5,550	5,536	93	101	109	96
Prince George Mun	12,563	12,769	14,016	15,472	77,018	75,567	74,849	75,609	163	169	187	205
Prince George Prov	603	678	581	554	14,237	14,109	14,125	14,009	42	48	41	40
Prince Rupert Mun	3,074	3,103	3,078	2,924	15,643	15,282	15,049	14,760	197	203	205	198
Prince Rupert Prov	279	291	272	307	3,035	2,207	2,183	2,164	92	132	125	142
Princeton Prov	607	641	528	601	5,739	5,130	5,153	5,097	106	125	102	118
Quadra Island Prov	165	148	167	155	3,759	3,824	3,824	3,708	44	39	44	42
Qualicum Beach Mun	544	432	611	541	7,203	7,224	7,250	7,294	76	60	84	74
Queen Charlotte City Prov	306	209	294	366	2,766	2,748	2,742	2,726	111	76	107	134

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Quesnel Mun	2,430	2,436	2,203	2,649	10,367	10,481	10,347	10,198	234	232	213	260
Quesnel Prov	986	896	821	1,015	15,817	14,580	14,512	14,482	62	61	57	70
Revelstoke Mun	768	750	832	655	7,888	7,826	7,868	7,782	97	96	106	84
Revelstoke Prov	67	102	82	73	592	700	705	704	113	146	116	104
Richmond Mun[6]	14,364	13,931	13,516	14,705	168,280	171,520	173,545	174,201	85	81	78	84
Ridge Meadows Prov[2]	130	98	96	98	9	10	10	10	—	—	—	—
Saanich Mun	6,942	6,175	5,990	6,269	107,402	108,178	107,919	107,964	65	57	56	58
Salmo Prov	196	236	223	220	2,736	2,582	2,590	2,563	72	91	86	86
Salmon Arm Mun[1]	1,426	1,634	1,466	1,685	15,824	16,058	16,018	16,166	90	102	92	104
Salmon Arm Prov	300	303	327	311	6,915	7,417	7,463	7,462	43	41	44	42
Saltspring Island Prov	560	401	349	517	10,368	9,684	9,782	9,849	54	41	36	52
Sayward Prov	146	128	131	106	1,082	898	897	884	135	143	146	120
Sechelt Mun	1,244	1,006	1,016	859	8,044	8,113	8,193	8,281	155	124	124	104
Shawnigan Lake Prov	926	990	798	856	14,749	15,799	15,828	15,953	63	63	50	54
Sicamous Prov	522	540	516	553	4,694	4,346	4,389	4,380	111	124	118	126
Sidney Mun	732	794	637	617	11,332	11,404	11,355	11,372	65	70	56	54
Sidney Prov	232	164	216	215	3,329	2,947	2,977	2,997	70	56	73	72
Slocan Lake Prov	96	103	81	100	2,756	3,216	3,213	3,243	35	32	25	31
Smithers Mun	1,230	1,137	1,456	1,620	5,738	5,651	5,643	5,513	214	201	258	294
Smithers Prov	556	455	489	661	7,339	8,078	8,069	8,059	76	56	61	82
Sooke Mun[3]	—	—	1,056	985	—	—	9,192	9,305	—	—	115	106
Sooke Prov	1,347	1,356	437	345	12,663	13,211	4,136	4,165	106	103	106	83
Spallumcheen Mun	173	197	194	212	5,383	5,357	5,356	5,339	32	37	36	40
Squamish Mun[1]	1,886	2,171	2,577	3,313	15,020	15,058	15,023	15,142	126	144	172	219
Squamish Prov	240	323	247	331	2,053	2,075	2,075	2,084	117	156	119	159
Stewart Prov	64	77	80	58	716	775	779	787	89	99	103	74
Stl'atl'imx FNAPS	437	448	494	521	2,537	2,566	2,620	2,655	172	175	189	196
Summerland Mun	539	610	736	918	11,101	11,181	11,161	11,179	49	55	66	82
Sunshine Coast Prov	1,626	1,559	1,778	1,403	19,035	18,595	18,661	18,770	85	84	95	75
Surrey Mun	43,095	48,560	47,437	50,414	353,340	363,013	378,173	390,145	122	134	125	129
Surrey Prov	34	89	101	122	822	794	803	800	41	112	126	153
T'Kumlups Prov	564	645	689	752	7,231	6,533	6,558	6,605	78	99	105	114
Takla Landing Prov	100	100	124	191	302	198	198	198	331	505	626	965
Terrace Mun	2,388	2,347	2,131	2,355	12,849	12,639	12,453	12,373	186	186	171	190
Terrace Prov	781	692	685	607	8,536	8,258	8,225	8,269	91	84	83	73
Texada Island Prov	84	104	59	93	1,108	1,184	1,183	1,180	76	88	50	79
Tofino Prov	521	442	545	562	2,505	2,549	2,573	2,664	208	173	212	211
Trail Mun	921	988	860	967	8,040	7,905	8,152	8,167	115	125	105	118
Trail and District Prov	542	493	533	696	12,374	11,712	11,649	11,595	44	42	46	60
Tsay Keh Dene Prov	238	222	277	259	381	402	403	407	625	552	687	636
Tumbler Ridge Prov	172	237	340	344	2,324	1,932	2,404	2,459	74	123	141	140
Ucluelet Prov	289	283	342	308	2,175	2,214	2,211	2,234	133	128	155	138
University Prov	1,192	1,306	1,434	1,521	7,838	8,158	8,258	8,218	152	160	174	185
Valemount Prov	220	257	332	308	2,997	1,934	1,946	1,914	73	133	171	161
Vancouver Mun[1,5,6]	78,107	74,812	71,791	73,282	564,513	570,837	570,186	569,814	138	131	126	129
Vanderhoof Prov	796	888	920	944	8,740	8,571	8,561	8,506	91	104	107	111
Vernon Mun	5,315	5,261	6,015	6,360	34,657	34,957	34,956	35,073	153	150	172	181
Vernon Prov	631	604	589	795	9,416	10,720	10,867	10,868	67	56	54	73
Victoria City Mun[6,7]	18,443	17,898	18,251	18,770	93,168	94,195	93,776	93,097	198	190	195	202
View Royal Mun	690	636	634	600	7,411	7,587	7,762	7,868	93	84	82	76
Wells Prov	45	33	38	30	321	434	433	425	140	76	88	71
West Shore Prov	604	457	454	496	8,510	8,955	9,005	9,108	71	51	50	54
West Vancouver Mun[1]	2,678	2,812	3,475	3,379	45,168	45,556	45,399	45,212	59	62	77	75
Whistler Mun	2,101	2,359	2,212	2,306	9,094	9,284	9,432	9,480	231	254	235	243
Whistler Prov	35	51	40	74	136	285	291	296	257	179	137	250
White Rock Mun	1,565	1,544	1,865	1,924	18,748	19,047	19,440	19,539	83	81	96	98
Williams Lake Mun	2,463	3,078	2,967	2,826	11,725	11,639	11,558	11,422	210	264	257	247
Williams Lake Prov	645	598	702	595	13,622	14,686	14,618	14,586	47	41	48	41
BRITISH COLUMBIA[4]	**459,609**	**470,126**	**480,488**	**513,023**	**4,039,198**	**4,078,447**	**4,114,981**	**4,146,580**	**114**	**115**	**117**	**124**

FOOTNOTES

[1] Population figures also include First Nations populations.

[2] Provincial parks are located within the policing jurisdictions of North Vancouver Prov and Ridge Meadows Prov. The crime rates for both of these policing jurisdictions are substantially inflated due to small residential populations and the relatively large number of property crimes occurring within these parks. As a result, crime rates for these jurisdictions have not been calculated.

[3] Sooke entered into a municipal police contract with the RCMP in 2002. Prior to this date, the municipal data are included in Sooke Prov.

[4] The BC Total includes additional reporting from Canadian National Railway Police, Canadian Pacific Railway Police and other specialized or non-jurisdictional units.

[5] In 2000 and 2001, as a result of E-Comm labour action, there were decreases in the number of crimes reported to the Vancouver Police Department. The labour action which began in September 2000 and ended in September 2001 affected the number of offences, e.g., theft, assault, robbery, reported for each year.

[6] Data shown for 2001 include estimates for Vancouver and Port Moody. For each jurisdiction, the estimates cover the phase-in period required for PRIME-BC. The estimates for Vancouver cover the reporting period of February to April 2001 and are based on the the department's 2000 reporting under the UCR Incident-based Survey, while the estimates for Port Moody cover the reporting period of March to April 2001 and are based on the department's 2000 reporting under the UCR Survey.

Data shown for 2003 include estimates for Victoria and Richmond. The estimates for Victoria cover the reporting period of August to December 2003, while the estimates for Richmond cover the reporting months of May and July 2003. The estimates are based on each department's 2002 reporting under the UCR Survey.

7 The Victoria and Esquimalt police departments were amalgamated in 2003. The data shown reflect the total reporting of the amalgamated jurisdictions.

DATA QUALIFIERS

1. Criminal Code offences include CC: Person, Property, and Other Offences. CC: Person offences include the violent crimes of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, robbery, and abduction. CC: Property offences include the property crimes of break and enter, motor vehicle theft, theft, possession of stolen property, and fraud. CC: Other offences include the other crimes of prostitution, gaming and betting, offensive weapons, bail violations, disturb the peace, escape custody, indecent acts, kidnapping, public morals, obstruct police, prisoner at large, trespass at night, mischief and property damage as well as any Criminal Code offence not covered by a specific UCR offence category, e.g. breach of probation, computer/data mischief, criminal harassment, uttering threats, etc. Excluded from these Criminal Code offence data are offences under other federal statutes such as the Controlled Drug and Substances Act as well as offences under provincial statutes such as the Liquor Control and Licensing Act. In addition, the data do not included federal, provincial or municipal traffic offences or violations.
2. The crime data contained in this report have been recorded by the police on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR). Offences are scored according to the UCR Scoring Rules. If a single criminal incident contains a number of violations of the law, then only the most serious one is recorded for UCR purposes. However, with the exception of robbery offences where one incident with multiple victims is scored as one offence, police record one offence for every victim of a "violent" crime. Criminal Code offences represents only those offences reported to, or discovered by police which, upon preliminary investigation, have been deemed to have occurred or been attempted; this data does not represent or imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, informations sworn or convictions obtained.
3. The crime rate is defined as the number of Criminal Code offences (excluding Traffic) per 1,000 population. Population figures are based on the results of Canada Census which is conducted every five years. Canada Census occurred in 2001. Population figures for intervening years are estimates based on Census data.

SOURCES: Offence data from the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR);
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